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- 11. (u) This is an action request, see para 4.
- 12. (u) On August 8, emboff delivered diplomatic note and reftel points to Vanja Radonjic-Rakic, Counsellor in the Serbian Ministry for Foreign Affairs' Directorate for United Nations. Radonjic-Rakic was receptive to the talking points and consideration of Ms. Gaer's re-election and found her curriculum vitae impressive. Rakic noted that the MFA's decisions on such elections are normally made approximately two weeks before the vote.
- 13. (u) Rakic used the opportunity to request support for Serbia's candidacy in upcoming fall elections for a seat on the Governing Council, UNIP, and for the Council on Human Rights. Rakic also proposed reciprocal support for at least one of the candidates.
- $\P4$ . (u) Action request: Embassy would welcome Department guidance with regard to GoS request in para three.

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